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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in an Partial International Search Report issued in a corresponding PCT application (PCT/EP02/04354).

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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application.

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- (i) considers that there are 4 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~XXXX~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~XXXX~~ on the extra sheet:

- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:

1-19, 23-38, 39-41

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-19,23-38,39-41

Enzymatic process for the production of 3-thiolated 7-aminocephalosporanic acid derivatives, compounds of formula I used in that process and a process for the production thereof

2. Claim : 20

3-Thiolated-7-ACA of formula III

3. Claims: 21-22

Process for the production of Cephalosporin C antibiotics via enzymation of compounds of formula III

4. Claims: 42-43

Process for the production of Cephalosporin C antibiotics via enzymation of compounds of formula I

Prior art as represented by the documents cited in the Search Report and cited by the Applicant discloses various processes for the enzymatic conversion of cephalosporin C compounds into the corresponding alpha-ketoglutaric derivatives and further into 7-ACA derivatives. Given this state of the art the technical problem was to provide other enzymatic processes for the production of these compounds. The solution of the problem is alleged to be the provision of a process as claimed in Claims 1-19, compounds of formula I used as starting materials in this process as claimed in Claims 39 to 41 and a process for their production as claimed in Claims 23-38.

Claim 20 is claiming 3-thiolated-7-ACA derivatives of formula III prepared by the process of Claim 1. Such derivatives are already known in the state of the art.

Claims 21 and 22 disclose a process for the production of Cephalosporin C antibiotics via enzymation of compounds of formula III.

Claims 42 and 43 refer to processes for the production of Cephalosporin C antibiotics via enzymation of compounds of formula I.

Since the provision of the end product of the claimed process and such processes directed to the production of compounds different in structure is totally unrelated to the problem of providing another process for the production of cephalosporin C compounds it is considered that the processes claimed in Claims 1-19 and 23-38 and the processes claimed in Claims 21/22 and 42/43 and the products claimed in Claim 20, respectively, are not linked by a single inventive concept, and that the application therefore lacks unity of invention (Article 82 EPC).

1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JUSTIZ OH ET AL: "One-pot chemoenzymatic synthesis of 3'-functionalized cephalosporines (cefazolin) by three consecutive biotransformations in fully aqueous medium" JOURNAL OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, vol. 62, no. 26, 1997, pages 9099-9106, XP002177920 cited in the application schemes 4, 5 page 9103, right-hand column, last paragraph -page 9104, left-hand column, paragraph 2 page 9105, right-hand column, last paragraph ---	1-23
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Y	WO 90 12110 A (BIOPURE CORP) 18 October 1990 (1990-10-18) page 3, line 13 - line 16; claim 1 claims 1,10 --- -/--	1-19

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Y	WO 00 78989 A (ANTIBIOTICOS, S.A.U.) 28 December 2000 (2000-12-28) claims 1-37 ---	1-23
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Y	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 005, no. 152, 25 September 1981 (1981-09-25) & JP 56 085298 A (ASAHI CHEM. IND. CO.) abstract ---	1-38
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